

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. Restriction has been required as between the following allegedly distinct groups of inventions:

Group I, claims 1-9, drawn to a biochip for detecting a small molecule compound;

Group II, claim 10, drawn to a method of making a biochip for detecting a small molecule compound;

Group III, claims 11-24, drawn to a method for detecting a small molecule compound;

Group IV, claim 25, drawn to a kit for detecting a small molecule compound.

Applicants are requested to further elect a single ultimate species for the following if Group I is elected:

1. A single specific species of small molecule (enrofloxacin **OR** furantoin **OR** furacilin **OR** amphetamine **OR** benzoylecgonine etc.);

2. A single specific species of carrier protein (HAS **OR** BSA **OR** KLH **OR** OVA);

3. A single specific species of solid support (ceramic **OR** glass **OR** silica **OR** quartz **OR** nylon **OR** plastic etc.).

Applicants are requested to further elect a single ultimate species for the following if Group III is elected:

1. A single specific species of method of incubating with the binding molecule step (incubate first with sample **OR** incubate first with binding molecule);

2. A single specific species of label (fluorescent **OR** enzymatic **OR** biotin **OR** luminescent **OR** radioactive).

Applicants hereby elect without traverse Group I, claims 1-9. Applicants hereby elect enrofloxacin as the small molecule (claims 4-5), HAS as the carrier protein (claim 6), and ceramic as the solid support (claim 9).

Applicant requests that, upon allowance of a generic claim, the remainder of the species be included as permitted by 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicants request examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal form is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket No. 514572002800. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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